IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A wrench comprising a hollow handle and a head, the hollow handle formed by a tubular member having a first, necked end and a second end, the first, necked end having a diameter smaller than that of the second end of the hollow handle, the second end of the hollow handle having an integral end wall for at least partially closing the second end of the hollow handle, with the integral end wall, the first, necked end and the hollow handle being formed from a same material, with the integral end member formed as a single piece with the hollow handle by bending the second end of the tubular member forming the hollow handle, with the head and the necked end of the hollow handle being formed separately and fused together.

Claim 2 (original): The wrench as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second end of the hollow handle is completely closed.

Claim 3 (new): The wrench as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first, necked end has a size, with the head including an engaging portion of a cross section smaller than remaining portions, with the cross section of the engaging portion being slideably received within the first, necked end.

Claim 4 (new): The wrench as claimed in claim 3 wherein the first, necked end is formed as a single piece with the hollow handle by necking the tubular member forming the hollow handle.

Claim 5 (new): The wrench as claimed in claim 2 wherein the first, necked end is formed as a single piece with the hollow handle by necking the tubular member forming the hollow handle.

Claim 6 (new): The wrench as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first, necked end has a size, with the head including an engaging portion of a cross section smaller than remaining portions, with the cross section of the engaging portion being slideably received within the first, necked end.

Claim 7 (new): The wrench as claimed in claim 6 wherein the first, necked end is formed as a single piece with the hollow handle by necking the tubular member forming the hollow handle.

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Claim 8 (new): The wrench as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first, necked end is formed as a single piece with the hollow handle by necking the tubular member forming the hollow handle.